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TO THE
Right Honourable
The LADY
ANNE
Counteſs of
MARESHALL:
AND
To the Pious Memory of
Her Excellent Mother
The Lady *ANNE*
Late Counteſs of
MORETON:

By whoſe earneſt deſire and Religious care, this BOOK was framed, and

made her devout Exercise whilst she lived, recommending the Transcript and Use thereof to many others; and particularly to her who now publisheth and presenteth it to the Religious and private Use of all Devout Persons, according to the desire of the Honourable LADY, *to whom it is Dedicated, By*

Her Ladiship's

most humble Servant,

M. G.

I Have peruſed this Book, and finding nothing in it but what may tend to the increaſe of Private Devotion and Piety, I recommend it to my Lord, the Biſhop of London, *for his Licence to have it Printed.*

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In the Morning and Evening, and at Noonday, will I pray, and that inſtantly; and he ſhall hear my Voice.

PRAYERS
IN THE
MORNING.

In the Morning.

At Uprising.

EVery Day let the first thing you do, and the first word you speak, tend to the Worship and acknowledgment of Almighty God.

For upon our first Thoughts commonly the Thoughts and Actions of the whole Day do depend: Therefore when you first awake in the Morning, lift up your heart to God, and say,

In the Morning.

I.

BLeſſed be the moſt Holy, Glorious, and Undefiled Trinity, now and for evermore.

II.

Bleſſed art thou, O Lord, who enlighteneſt mine Eyes, and ſuffereſt me not to ſleep in death.

III.

Bleſſed art thou, for thou haſt created all things, and for thy Will's ſake they are, and were Created.

IV.

The Almighty Lord be now and evermore my

my defence, and vouchsafe to bleſs and preſerve me from all evil this day and for ever. *Amen.*

When you are riſen,

Retire your ſelf, and humbly kneeling, adore God, and ſay,

O Holy Lord God Almighty, before whom all Knees do bend, and to whom all Creatures in Heaven and Earth do bow and obey; behold, here I proſtrate

ſtrate my ſelf before thee, adoring the Divine Excellency of thy ſovereign and infinite Majeſty, with all the Powers of my Soul, ſubmitting my ſelf with all lowlineſs and reverence to the greatneſs of thy Dominion and Power, and deſiring nothing more than Faithfully to ſerve thee all the days of my life; for Thou art only Holy, Thou only art the Lord: and Glory be to thee, O Lord, moſt High. *Amen.*

Having

Having thus made your Adoration and Submiſſion to God, let theſe be your Prayers and Devotions every Morning.

OUR Father which art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily Bread. And forgive us our Treſpaſſes, as we forgive them that Treſpaſs againſt us. And lead us not into Temptation;

tion, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A Confession of Sins, and Prayers for Pardon.

I.

ALmighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; come unto thee in the multitude of thy Mercies, and in thy Fear do

I caſt my ſelf down before thee, moſt humbly lamenting my Sins, and craving of Thee, the God of all Mercy and Goodneſs, perfect Remiſſion and Forgiveneſs, through *Jeſus Chriſt* our Lord. *Amen.*

II.

O Thou Maker of all things, and Judge of all Men, I acknowledge and bewail the many and manifold Sins which from time to time I have moſt grievouſly committed, by my Thoughts, Words, and Deeds,

deeds againſt thy moſt Holy Commandments; provoking thereby moſt Juſtly thy Wrath and Indignation againſt me. I do earneſtly Repent, and am heartily ſorry for theſe my Miſdoings; O rebuke me not in thine Indignation, neither chaſten me in thy heavy Diſpleaſure; but have mercy upon me, for thy Goodneſs, have mercy upon me, and forgive me all that is paſt: and grant that I may always ſtudy to ſerve thee, and pleaſe thee here-

hereafter in all godlineſs and pureneſs of life, to the Honour and Glory of thy Bleſſed Name, through Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

The Pſalm.

THE Lord is loving unto every Man, and his Mercy is over all his Works.

He forgiveth us all our Sins, and hath compaſſion upon all our Infirmities.

His Loving-kindneſs is better than life it ſelf, and

and therefore ſhall my Soul praiſe him.

Bleſſed art thou, O Lord, who wilt not caſt out my Prayer, nor turn away thy Mercy from me.

As long as I live will I magnifie thee on this manner, and lift up my hands in thy Name.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghoſt;

As it was in the beginning, &c.

The

The Leſſon.

TAke heed that ye walk circumſpectly, redeeming the time, becauſe the days are evil. Be fervent in good works, and ſerve the Lord with all gladneſs of heart. Be patient in tribulation, and continue inſtant in Prayer. Be courteous and meek; and as much as lieth in you live peaceably with all Men: and whatſoever ye would that others ſhould do unto you, do ſo to them; for this is the Law and the Prophets.

The

The Hymn.

VOuchſafe, O Lord,
to keep me this
day without Sin.
To ſhut and cloſe my
wandring Eye,
Leſt it let in Vanity.
To keep my Heart as
pure and free
From fond and troubled
Fantaſie;
To guide my Tongue,
ſo that no ſtrife
May breed diſquiet in
my Life:
To keep all harm, all ill
away,

While

while I duly ſpend the Day.

Or this.

O Holy Ghoſt my Soul inſpire,
And lighten with Celeſtial Fire.
Thy bleſſed Unction from above
Is Comfort, Life, and Fire of Love.
Anoint and clear my ſoiled Face
With the abundance of thy Grace.
Be thou my joy, my reſt, my home,

Where

Where thou art ſo, no ill
can come.
Teach me to know the
Father, Son,
And thee of Both to be
but One:
That day by day, all my
Life long
This may be my endleſs
Song;
To thee all Honour,
Praiſe and Merit.
Father, Son, and Holy
Spirit. *Amen.*

In the Morning:

A Devout Confeſſion of our Chhiſtian and Catholick Faith;

With Explications and Prayers relating thereunto.

I. *I Believe in thee, O God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and Earth*; loving thee as my *Father*, reverenceing thee as the *Almighty*, and committing my Soul and my Body to thee as to a faithful *Creator*.

Creator. Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive Glory, Honour, and Power, for thou hast *created* all things, and for thy Will's sake they *are* and *were created.*

II. *I believe in* Thee, O thou King of Glory, *the Everlasting Son of God the Father;* and *our Lord Jesus Christ,* the Great Mystery of Godliness, God manifest in the Flesh, and sent into this World for our Eternal Salvation in the World to come.

III. *I believe that tho*

was

waſt conceived by the Holy Ghoſt, and born of the Bleſſed Virgin Mary without ſpot of Sin, thereby to cleanſe us from all Sin.

IV. I believe that thou didſt *ſuffer* what otherwiſe we muſt have ſuffered for ever. That thou waſt Crucified to ſet us free from the Curſe of the Law.

That thou didſt *die*, and thereby take away the ſting of Death.

That thou waſt *buried* in the Grave, and hadſt the Victory over it; to aſſure us that our Bodies

ſhall not corrupt there for ever.

V. I believe that thou didſt *Deſcend into Hell*, to triumph over it, and to free us from the Fear of ever coming into that Place.

That the *Third Day* thou didſt *riſe again from the Dead* in our Nature, the Firſt-fruits of them that are aſleep in their Graves, who are thereby aſſured that they alſo ſhall not ſleep there for ever.

VI. I believe that thou didſt *Aſcend up into Hea-*

ve-

ven, there to prepare a Place for us.

That thou now *ſitteſt at the Right Hand of God the Father Almighty*, there to make interceſſion for us, our only Advocate with the Father.

VII. I believe that thence thou *ſhalt come* to receive us, and *to be the Judge of the Quick and the Dead*, after which thy Kingdom ſhall have no end.

All this I ſtedfaſtly *believe* of thee, O my *Bleſſed Saviour*, beſeeching thee to give me

Grace, that I may be made conformable to Thy *Image*; in Faith, to Thy *Conception*; in Humility, to Thy *Birth*; in Sympathy, to Thy *Paſſion*; and in Mortifying my Sins, to Thy *Death and Burial*: to Thy *Deſcent into Hell*, by frequent Meditation thereof; and to Thy *Reſurrection*, by my riſing from Sin to newneſs of Life: to thine *Aſcenſion*, by ſeeking after thoſe things which be above; and to Thy *Coming to Judgment*, by judging my ſelf here, that I may not be

be there condemned with the World.

VIII. *I believe* also in thee, *O Holy Spirit*, the Lord and giver of Life, the Infuser of all Heavenly Graces, and the Leader of thy Church in all the ways of Truth and Holiness.

IX. I believe therefore *the Holy Catholick Church*, the Mystical Body of *Christ*, whereof *He* is the only *Head*.

I believe *the Communion of Saints*, being joyn'd together in Faith, Hope and Charity, and mutu-

ally participating of one anothers Prayers.

X. I believe the *Remiſſion of Sins* in this World, given and ſealed to Us by the ſacred Ordinances of God.

XI. I believe the *Reſurrection of our Bodies* at the end of the World, to be united to our Souls.

XII. And I believe *the Life Eternal* in the World to come, where we ſhall be in happineſs with Chriſt for ever. *Amen.*

Prayers

PRAYERS.

I.

ALmighty God, who of thy Goodneſs haſt defended me from the perils of this Night, and ſafely brought me to the beginning of this Day, preſerve me in the ſame, I moſt humbly beſeech thee, by thy mighty Power, from all Sin, and danger, through *Jeſus Chriſt* our Lord. *Amen.*

II.

ALmighty and Everliving God, vouch-

safe, I beseech Thee, to direct, sanctifie, and govern both my Soul and Body in the ways of thy Laws, and in the works of thy Commandments; that through thy most gracious Protection, I may be preserved from all Evil, both this day and for ever, through *Jesus Christ* our Lord. *Amen.*

III.

POssess my Mind, O Lord, continually with thy Presence, and make me to have a perpetual fear and love of Thy

Thy Holy Name, teaching me to do those things that may be pleasing to Thee, and profitable to my Salvation, through *Jesus Christ* our Lord. *Amen.*

IV.

LEAD me forth, O Lord, in thy Truth, and learn me; for Thou art the God of my Salvation, and in Thee shall be my hope all the day long.

V.

TO Thee, O King Eternal, be all Glory and Honour, now and for ever. *Amen.* *Con-*

Conclude your Prayers with a remembrance of all your Friends, and of all them that belong unto you, ſaying,

INto thy Bleſſed Hands and protection, O Lord, I commend my Spirit, Soul, and Body, atogether with all Them whom thou haſt graciouſly given unto me, and to whom I do any way relate: Preſerve them, O Lord, in thy Favour and Fear, increaſing and multiplying thy Bleſſings upon them, and forgive them

them their ſin; keep them in perpetual Peace and Safety, for the love of thy only Son *Jeſus Chriſt* our Lord. *Amen.*

And ask Pardon for all the Diſtractions and Irreverences committed by you in his Divine Preſence, during this time that you have ſpoken to him.

A BRIEF
LITANY
OF
PRAYERS
FOR
EVERY DAY.

A brief Litany for every Day.

O Moſt Bleſſed, Undivided and Glorious Trinity, and one Eternal God,

Have mercy upon me.

Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender Mercies which have been ever of old; and remember not my Offences, nor the Offences of our Forefathers; but after thy great goodneſs have mercy, and ſpare me, whom thy Son our Lord hath redeemed with his moſt precious Blood.

Have

Have mercy upon me, and ſpare me, O Lord.

From all Evil and Miſchief, from Pride and Vain-glory, and from all the Deceits of the World, the Fleſh and the Devil,

Good Lord deliver me.

From all Perils and Dangers, both of my Soul and Body; from extremity of Sickneſs, and from ſudden Death,

Good Lord deliver me.

By thy manifold and great Mercies, by the Mercies of our Bleſſed *Saviour*, by his bitter Croſs and Paſſion, by his

his mighty Reſurrection, by his moſt glorious Aſcenſion, and by his moſt effectual and acceptable Interceſſion,

Good Lord deliver me.

In all time of Tribulation and Adverſity, in the time of my laſt and greateſt Need, in the Hour of Death, and at the Day of Judgment.

Good Lord deliver me.

Deliver me, O Lord, as Thou haſt delivered all thy bleſſed Saints and Servants from the guilt and burthen of my Sins, and from Thy Wrath

and

and everlasting indignation.

Good Lord, I beseech thee to hear me.

That it may please thee to preserve me in thy Faith, Fear and Love; and that I may evermore have affiance in thy Mercy, and ever study to serve thee in Holiness and Purity of Life.

Good Lord, I beseech thee to hear me.

That it may please thee daily to encrease in me thy manifold Gifts of Grace, and that I may bring

bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, and ever ſeek thy Honour and Glory.

Good Lord, I beſeech thee to hear me.

That it may pleaſe thee to have mercy upon all Men.

Good Lord, I beſeech thee to hear me.

That it may pleaſe thee to ſave and preſerve our moſt Gracious King, and all the Royal Family:

Good Lord, I beſeech thee to hear me.

That it may pleaſe thee to reduce them that have gone aſtray from thy

thy ways, to comfort them that are in Sorrow, to relieve them that are in Need and Tribulation, and to amend all our Lives according to thy Holy Word.

Good Lord, I beseech thee to hear me.

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the World,

Have Mercy upon me, and grant me thy Peace, Amen.

RULES
AND
PRAYERS
FOR THE
AFTERNOON.

Rules and Advertiſements how to imploy your time.

I.

PAſs the Day in ſuch Imployments as may be moſt meet and agreeable to that condition of Life wherein God hath placed you.

II.

Come not to the place where Sin dwells; and avoid all corrupt Company whereto it reſorts. Religion hath no greater Enemy than Converſing with ſuch; of whom

whom your heart telleth you that there is neither Faith nor Fear of God in them.

III.

Be carefull to demean your self affably and peaceably towards all those with whom you shall have just occasion to converse.

IV.

Let not either your Actions or your Discourses be vain and frivolous, but tending either to improve your Judgment, or to better your Affection.

V. *If*

V.

If you have the Govern-
ment of a Family, take
ſpecial heed that they
live not diſorderly or
idlely, to the offence of
Almighty God, and the
ſcandal of others.

VI.

And forget not (as often
as you can) to be pre-
ſent, and to aſſiſt at the
Publick Offices and Di-
vine Services of the
Church, there to at-
tend and perform the
Homage and Worſhip
of Almighty God, and
to be inſtructed in his

holy Word: for that is
Duty and a Service mo
highly pleasing to him.

VII.

Remember (and you wi
much help your self, if yo
remember it) that you ar
continally in the pre
sence of God, and ough
to live continually in hi
Fear, and in obedience t
his Commandments.

VIII.

Upon all occasions offe
ed to you, exercise you
Charity, and let n
the Day pass you wit

ut ſome good work done by you, either of real Honour to God, or of real Charity to them that want it.

After-noon.

After-noon retire your ſelf a-while, and uſe the Pſalm, Leſſon, Hymn, *and* Prayers *following.*

UNto thee I lift up mine Eyes, O thou that dwelleſt in the Heavens: My Soul waiteth ſtill upon thee, that thou mayeſt bleſs me.

O hearken thou unto the voice of my calling my King and my God for unto thee do I make my Prayers.

Shew Thou me the way that I ſhould walk in, and teach me to do the thing that pleaſeth Thee.

I will take heed to my ways, that I offend not in my tongue; and I will make a covenant with mine eyes, that they behold not vanity.

O let not my footſteps erre from the Path of thy Commandments.

But

But let my delight be in walking after the Precepts of thy Law.

Thy Law is an undefiled Law, converting the Soul, and giveth light unto the Eyes.

Keep thy Servant from all presumptuous sins, that they may not get the dominion over me; and cleanse thou me from all my secret faults.

That so I may be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my Strength and my Redeemer.

Glory be to the Father——

The Leſſon.

IF Sinners entice thee do not thou conſent unto them. Theſe things doth the Lord abhor: A proud look and a lying Tongue, an Heart that deviſeth Wickedneſs and Miſchief, a falſe Witneſs that ſpeaketh not the Truth, and whoſoever ſoweth Diſcord among others. In the multitude of Words there will be Sin. Keep Innocence, and doe the thing that is right, for that will bring a Man peace

peace at the last. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus: *and confess him to be the Lord, who was obedient to the Death of the Cross for the Redemption of Mankind, unto the Praise and Glory of God the Father.*

The Hymn.

WHO more can crave, (done
Than God for me hath
To free a Slave,
That gave his only Son?
Bless'd be that Hour
When he repair'd our loss,

I never will.
Forget my Saviour's
Croſs.

The Prayers.

I.

O God, who knoweſt the fralities and infirmities of my weak nature, and in the midſt of how many Dangers I live, being continually ſubject to the deceits of the World, the Fleſh, and the Devil, and having no Power of my ſelf to help my ſelf, mercifully look upon me: and, becauſe

I cannot continue in safety without thy Succour, preserve me evermore by thy help and Goodness, and keep me both outwardly in my Body, and inwardly in my Soul; that among the sundry and manifold Dangers of this World, my Heart may be set to attain Everlasting Salvation, and my Affections may surely there be fixed where true Joys are to be found, through *Jesus Christ* our Lord. *Amen.*

II.

O God, the ſtrength of all that truſt in Thee, mercifully accept theſe my humble Supplications and Prayers; and grant me the help of thy Grace, that I may pleaſe Thee both in Will and Deed, and obtain Thy Peace all the Days of my life, through *Jeſus Chriſt* our Lord. *Amen.*

III.

ALmighty and Everliving God, I give Thee moſt humble thanks, for that Thou haſt vouchſafed favourably

ably to call me to the knowledge of Thy Grace, and Faith in Thee. Increaſe this Knowledge, and confirm this Faith in me evermore. Give me the comfort of Thy Holy Spirit, and multiply upon me Thy manifold Gifts of Grace, the Spirit of Wiſdom and Underſtanding, the Spirit of Counſel and Ghoſtly Strength, the Spirit of Knowledge and true Godlineſs; and fill me, O Lord, with the Spirit of Thy Holy Fear, through *Chriſt* our Lord. *Amen.*

Rule s

Rules and Advertiſements.

I.

AFter this, you may paſs the reſt of the Day in what lawfull Recreations or Imployments you judge to be meet for you.

II.

Spend ſome while before Night in Reading, and read with attention: but let your Books be choſen with advice and care, for your inſtruction and knowledge in all good things, and ſpecially for your Spiritual Benefit.

PRAY-

PRAYERS AT NIGHT AND BED-TIME.

Retire your ſelf again.

AND when you have thought upon all the day paſt, how you have ſpent it, that is, what good or evil Actions you have done, and what bad inclinations you have reſiſted or amended, asking God pardon for all your Offences, uſe theſe Prayers.

The Pſalm and Prayers.

LET my Prayer be ſet forth in Thy ſight, O Lord, as the Incenſe; And the lifting up of my

my Hands be as an Evening Sacrifice.

In thee hath been my hope all the Day long, and under the ſhadow of thy Wings ſhall be my refuge day and night for ever.

Glory be to----

I.

O Thou Brightneſs of Eternity, by whoſe Providence both the Day and the Night were created and governed, and who haſt made the out-goings of the Morning and Even-

ing

ing to praiſe Thee, mercifully vouchſafe to let the Light of thy Countenance ſhine upon me with the bleſſed Beams of thy Goodneſs and Mercy, that neither the Prince of Darkneſs may have any power over me, nor the Works of Darkneſs overwhelm me; but that by thy mighty Protection I may be defended both in Body and Soul from all the perils and dangers of this night, and for evermore, through *Jeſus Chriſt* our Lord. *Amen.*

II.

II.

MAke me to remember that the Darkneſs hideth nothing from Thee, but that to Thee the Night ſhineth as clear as the Day, to Thee the Darkneſs and the Light are both alike.

III.

OBe Thou merciful unto me, and bleſs me; ſhew me the light of Thy Countenance, and be merciful unto me.

IV.

INto Thy hands I commend my ſelf, my Soul and my Body, and all

all that is mine, for Thou haſt made and created them, and Thou haſt redeemed us, O Thou Lord God of Mercy and Truth.

V.

THOU haſt created all things, and for Thy Will's ſake they are, and were created.

VI.

O Send Thy Light and Thy Truth, that they may preſerve me, and ſave me, for Thy Mercy's ſake.

Lord have mercy upon me.

Chriſt

Christ have mercy upon me.
Lord have mercy upon me.
God the Father bless me.
God the Son defend me.
God the Holy Ghost preserve me now and for evermore. *Amen.*

Rules and Advertisements.

After this speak not unnecessarily to any before you go to sleep. Remember that your Bed is a representation of the Grave, and Sleep an Image of Death. It behoves you not

not to lie down in ſuch a condition as you would be unwilling to be found or taken in it.

Bed-Time.

Before you go into your Bed kneel down, and ſay;

GReat Ruler of the Day and Night,
On our Darkneſs caſt thy Light.
To thee who doſt by reſt renew
My waſted ſtrength, I humbly ſue,
That when I ſhall uncloſe mine Eyes,
Pure and chaſt I may ariſe,
And make my Morning-Sacrifice.

In

Bed-time.

IN the Name of God I will lay me down to ſleep, whom I beſeech to bleſs and preſerve me now and for ever. *Amen.*

Being laid down to ſleep, lift up your heart to God and ſay:

LIghten mine Eyes, O Thou who dwelleſt in Eternal Light, and have mercy upon me, that I ſleep not in Death.

The Almighty Lord be now and evermore my defence againſt all Perils and Dangers of this night. *Amen.*

FORMS

FORMS
OF
Confeſſions
AND
PRAYERS
TO
Almighty God,
FOR THE
Forgiveneſs of SIN.

A most devout Confession and Prayer for the Remission of Sins.

I.

I Have sinned before thee, O Lord my God, and done all evil in Thy sight. I have sinned sins many in number, of many kinds, in many places, at many times, and often repeated: I have sinned large and great sins; I have sinned hainous and presumptuous sins: They are become burthensome and heavy; too heavy for me to bear, and their cry reacheth up to Heaven.

II.

AND what fruit have I in thoſe things, whereof I am now aſhamed? My Confuſion is daily before me, and the ſhame of my Face hath covered me.

III.

MOreover, my mind is troubled, and I am afraid of thy Judgments. Wo be unto me, that I have done theſe things.

IV.

SEE, O Lord, how vile I am become: and what ſhall I ſay? or how

how ſhall I open my mouth? or what ſhall I anſwer, ſeeing I have committed all theſe Sins?

V.

TO whom may I fly for ſuccour? or who ſhall deliver me from the Body of this Death, and from the multitude of my Tranſgreſſions?

VI.

SInce I can neither ſay nor doe more, I will lift up mine eyes to thee, from whom cometh all my help.

VII.

IN many things we offend all, and justly we deserve punishment; but Thy Mercy triumpheth over thy Justice: and if I have known Thee, O Lord, thou hast been good and gracious to them that have deserved evil.

VIII.

I Will therefore come boldly to Thy Throne of Grace, that I may find Mercy in the time of need.

IX.

HERE I insist, and from the dreadful Throne

Throne of Thy Juſtice, I appeal unto the ever bleſſed Throne of thy Mercy.

X.

O Suffer me not to periſh in my Sins, Lord, careſt thou not that I periſh, who wilt that all ſhould be ſaved, and that none ſhould periſh?

XI.

I Am thine, O ſave me, I am thine own Creature, the work of thine own hands, thy lowly Servant, thine humble Handmaid: O deſpiſe not Thou the work of thine own hands.

XII.

BUT I am a Sinner; and Thou, O God, heareſt not Sinners.

XIII.

YET conſider, O Lord, of what I am made; Remember that I am but Fleſh and Duſt, frail and corruptible Fleſh, and as the Duſt before the Wind. Wilt thou break a bruiſed Reed? Wilt thou blaſt a Leaf driven to and fro? Wilt thou purſue the dry Stubble? Or wilt thou hunt after a Flea? What ſhall I ſay or doe unto Thee, O Thou Preſerver

Preſerver of the World?

XIV.

WIlt thou be angry with thy Servant that prayeth? Behold, I have heard that they ſaid in *Iſrael*, We will go to the King and ſay, Let our Souls live; it may be he will ſave us. Is any King more merciful than Thou? Thou ſparedſt *Ahab*, becauſe he was humble, Spare me alſo, O Lord, for I am humble before Thee.

XV.

I Cover not, I do not diſſemble, I do not

extenuate and leſſen my Sins: I freely confeſs them, I have done exceedingly amiſs, I call it often to mind, and I condemn my ſelf for it.

XVI.

SPare me, O God, and accept the Sacrifice of a broken Spirit, a contrite Heart, a troubled Mind, a wounded Conſcience, and an afflicted Soul; becauſe I have ſinned againſt Thee.

XVII.

WIlt Thou have pity upon ſome, and haſt Thou made all others

others for nought? Shall thine Enemy ſay, Thou haſt made us to kill us, or becauſe Thou hateſt us, or that Thou canſt not, or wilt not ſave us?

XVIII.

FAR be this from Thee: But remember this, O Lord, how the Enemy hath reproached Thee, and how the fooliſh People have thus blaſphemed Thy Name.

XIX.

FOR what ſhall then become of Thy great Name, of the richneſs of Thy Mercy, which is over

all thy Works, of the Blood of thy Son, who died for the Sins of the World?

XX.

WHEN thou canſt not for any other cauſe, yet for thy Mercy's ſake, for thine abundant Mercy in Chriſt, Thou haſt ſaid that thou wilt pardon us our Sins.

XXI.

WE ſay rightly, our Fathers truſted in Thee: They truſted in Thee, and thou didſt deliver them: Deliver me alſo, for I have truſted in Thee

XXII.

I Will not let thee go, except Thou bleſs me. *Jeſus*, thou Son of *David*, thou Son of God, have mercy upon me.

XXIII.

THine Apoſtle hath not ſaid in vain, that thou cameſt into the World to ſave Sinners.

XXIV.

NOW therefore, O Lord, be merciful unto me a ſinner, and hear the Prayer and Supplication of thy Servant which I have made before thee, that thy face may ſhine upon

upon me: and give me, though I be unworthy, Thy Pardon and Peace. *Amen.*

MEDI-

MEDITATIONS, CONFESSIONS, AND PRAYERS

Before the Receiving of the Bleſſed

SACRAMENT.

Before you come to the Holy Sacrament.

I.

YOU are to prepare your ſelf thereunto,

I. By a clean and pure Conſcience.

II. By a clear and aſſured Faith.

III. By a full and perfect Charity.

II.

The day before you intend to receive the Bleſſed Sacrament, lay aſide all your thoughts of Worldly affairs, and give your ſelf to retirement.

III.

III.

Fix your Thoughts ſtedfaſtly upon God's infinite Greatneſs, and your own unworthineſs to appear before Him.

IV.

And firſt (as Saint Paul *hath directed you) examine your ſelf how you ſtand in the Faith, Profeſſion and Practice of your Chriſtian Religion, both before God and the World; how you have ſpent your time, what Good or Evil you have done, what bad inclinations you have reſiſted*

ſiſted and amended, and what Offences you have committed either againſt God or Man.

V.

Prefixing this Prayer to remember them, and to ask Pardon for them.

The Prayer.

O My God, I moſt humbly beſeech Thee to open the Eyes of my Mind, to cleanſe the Thoughts of my Heart, that I may ſee and acknowledge my Sins and Offences which I have daily committed in Thought

Thought, Word, and Deed, againſt thy Divine Majeſty; and that duly lamenting them, I may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remiſſion and forgiveneſs, through *Jeſus Chriſt* my Bleſſed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

A Particular Confeſſion of Sins; Referring to the ſeveral Commandments of Almighty God.

I Have ſinned againſt the Lord my God, and I have offended againſt his Holy Laws,

And

And (*whereof you ſhall find your Conſcience guilty, accuſing your ſelf, and ſaying:*)

I have had vain and idle Thoughts, looſe, light, and evil imaginations in many kinds; I have entertained them long; I have been negligent in chaſing them from my mind; I have taken pleaſure and content in them; I have been raſh and offenſive in my Words, wanton and corrupt in my Communications; and I have not kept my ſelf from Vanity and

and Complacency in them: Oftentimes in the frowardneſs and impatience of my ſpirit, I have been injurious by them to God and Man. I have been negligent and careleſs in my actions, living in liberty, and breaking too frequently the Commandments of Almighty God.

I. Whom I have not always ſet before mine Eye, nor ſtudied to know and ſeek him (as I ought) above all things; and knowing him, yet I have not acknowledged him,

in

in reverencing his Power and Majesty as I should.

Yea, I have sometimes doubted of Him, misbelieving his Promises, and not trusting to his Help. I have made Flesh my Arm, and put my confidence in the pleasing Vanities and uncertain Prosperities of the World. I have other-while been full of roving and unlawful imaginations concerning God, and full of wandring thoughts in his Service.

II. I have often framed to set up to my self

ſelf divers Imaginations and Forms of GOD's Worſhip and Religion which he hath not ſet and eſtabliſhed in his Church.

I have been negligent in giving him his external Worſhip and Honour, not falling down before him with that inward reverence of Spirit and Truth, nor with that outward Order and Humility of my Body which is requiſite always to be ſhewed forth and done before Him.

III. I have often drawn near

near unto him with my lips, when my heart hath been far from him. I have too frequently, vainly, and inconſiderately uſed his great and fearfull Name, and in the eagerneſs of my Spirit I have not abſtained from abuſing it with raſh Oaths and Execrations. My Vows and Promiſes that I have made in his Name, I have not performed: Thoſe holy things whereon his ſacred Name is ſet and imprinted, I have not duly regarded; and through my preſumptuous vanities

ties, I have been an occasion to make his Name be evil spoken of, and profaned by others.

IV. I have often absented my self from the publick Worship and Service of his Holy Assemblies and Sanctuary; vainly misspending the days that are hallowed to the honour of his great Name.

V. I have not carried that reverence and regard; nor given that due obedience which I ought to them whom God hath placed over me, seeking rather my own will and plea-

Pleaſure, than ſubmitting my ſelf to their lawfull precepts and advice. I have too much unregarded the Perſons of my Betters, and been unthankfull to them that have deſerved well of me.

VI. I have not done to all others, as I would that they ſhould do to me; I have envied their welfare, the better and more proſperous Life of others above my own. I have often let the reins of my Paſſion looſe to Anger, Malice and Revenge; uncharitably de-

lighting in the mischief and destruction of my own private or peculiar Enemies. When out of my abundance I might have relieved others that were in want, I have many times neglected it.

VII. I have often suffered my fancy and affections to wander licentiously: I have not held mine eyes nor mine ears nor my tongue from vanity. I have not carefully eschewed the occasions and enticements to corrupt and vain affections: I have not preser-

ved

ved my Body in that Holineſs, Honour, and Purity which becometh the Temple of God.

VIII. I have not reckoned Godlineſs to be my greateſt Gain, nor been content with that which I have

IX. I have liſtened to Flattery, and uſed it towards others: of many I have had evil ſuſpicions, and given raſh judgment upon them. Upon my ſelf I have ſet a greater value than I deſerved, and ſeemed better than I was; that I might gain a

false reputation from others. And I have often suffered truth to be gainsaid.

X. I am guilty of many inordinate Desires and irregular Affections.

And wo is me that in all these things I have offended: For if in all these things my Heart should not condemn me, God is greater than my Heart, and knoweth all things. But I confess them, and confessing am sorry for them, and being sorry for them, am ready to leave them, his

Grace

Grace thereunto assisting me; and not only to leave them, but to judge my self for them: with all religious lowliness and alacrity submitting my self freely to the pious directions and advice that shall be given me by my Spiritual Governours and Ministers of God, for shewing forth the fruits of my sorrow and repentance, meet for amendment of life. And though I be altogether unworthy, yet for the Worth and Merits of my Saviour, in whose Merits and

Mercy I put my whole Truſt and Confidence, being (as he is) the Propitiation not only for my ſins, but for all the ſins of the World, I moſt humbly crave pardon and abſolution from them, and from all my other ſins which I may have now forgotten, and whereof my Conſcience may be afraid.

MEDI-

MEDITATIONS AND PRAYERS AT THE *Holy Communion*,

Referring to

I. PURITY.
II. FAITH.
III. CHARITY.

Meditations and Prayers at the Holy Communion.

I.

Purity.

I Will waſh my Hands in innocency, O Lord, and ſo will I go to thine Altar; I will come into thine Houſe in the multitude of thy Mercies, and in thy Fear will I worſhip thee towards thy holy Foot-ſtool. For *Chriſt* our Paſſover is offered; Let us therefore keep the Feaſt, not with the leven of malice and wickedneſs, but with the unlevened Bread of ſincerity and truth.

The

The Prayer.

O Lord, cleanſe the thoughts of my heart by the inſpiration of thy Holy Spirit, that my Body may be made clean by the pure Body of my Saviour *Jeſus Chriſt*, once offered upon the Croſs, and that my Soul may be waſhed by his moſt precious Blood there ſhed for me, and that He may abide with me for ever. *Amen.*

II.

Faith.

I believe, Lord, help mine unbelief.

I Believe that God our Heavenly Father did of his tender mercy give his only Son *Jesus Christ* to suffer death upon the Cross for the Redemption of the World. I believe that he made there by the Obligation of himself once offered, a perfect Sacrifice and satisfaction for our Sins. I believe that this Sacrament was ordained for the continual remembrance of

that

that his Death and Sacrifice, and for the benefits we all receive by it. I believe that I ſhall here partake of the ſpiritual Food and moſt precious Body and Blood of Chriſt, the Bread of Life that came down from Heaven, the Blood that hath been carried up into the holy places, and the Cup of Eternity. For they that eat of this Bread and drink of this Cup, ſhall live for ever.

The Prayer.

O My God, what are we, that thou ſo regar

regarded us to give thy ſelf for us, to give thy ſelf to us, to be one with us, that we may have life in us, even life immortal, which will quicken us, and raiſe us up at the laſt day? O my Lord, I am not worthy, not worthy the leaſt of thy Mercies? how much leſs of this, which is the greateſt, greater than the World, greater than the Heavens, greater than all the Treaſures of Heaven and Earth; but, I beſeech Thee look upon me in the Greatneſs of thy Mercies,

cies not weighing my Merits, but pardoning mine Offences. *Amen.*

III.

Charity.

THis is a Sacrament of Love, and this is thy Commandment, that we ſhould love one another, even as thou haſt loved us: for we being many, are one Body, whereof Chriſt our Lord is the Head.

The Prayers.

O Thou Bleſſed and undivided Trinity, which teacheſt us that all our

our doings without Love and Unity are nothing worth, ſend into all our hearts that moſt excellent gift of Charity, and inflame our Souls with the celeſtial Fire of thy Love, that living together in unity of Spirit and the bond of Peace among our ſelves, we may perfectly love Thee, and worthily magnifie thy holy Name, through Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

A LITANY

Privately to uſed before the Receiving of the Holy Communion.

O God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghoſt; God the moſt holy, bleſſed, and glorious Trinity,

Have mercy upon me.

O Thou immaculate Lamb of God, who takeſt away the ſins of the World,

Have mercy upon me.

O Chriſt the Eternal Son of the Father, the Redeemer and Preſerver of Men, the Bread and Life of

of the World, the Author and Finisher of our Faith, the Great Mystery of Godliness, the Word that was made Flesh, to save thy Servants from their sins,

Have Mercy upon me.

Save me, O God; for I come unto Thee in the multitude of thy Mercies, and in thy Fear will I fall down and worship Thee in thy Holy Temple, that Thou mayst

Have Mercy upon me.

Call to remembrance O Lord thy tender Mercies, and thy loving kind-

kindneſs which hath been ever of old: O remember not the ſins and frailties of thy Servant, but ſpare me, O Lord, ſpare me for thy Goodneſs, and

Have mercy upon me.

From my unworthineſs to receive thy bleſſed Body and Blood, by which thou haſt redeemed me; from all carnal, vain, and earthly Imaginations in this thy Holy Sacrament, from all misbelief and incredulity of thy Word; from all defects of Sanctity, Love, and

and Charity: from all my Sins and Iniquities

Good Lord deliver me.

By that fervent ardor of Goodneſs and Charity wherewith thou cameſt down from Heaven; by thy bleſſed Croſs and Paſſion, and by the myſterious inſtitution of this thy holy Sacrament;

Good Lord deliver me.

By thy moſt ſacred Body, which was broken & crucified; by thy moſt precious Blood, which was ſhed and poured forth for the Sins of the World;

Good Lord deliver me.

O

Afore the Communion.

O Lord God, I beſeech thee to hear me, and that it may pleaſe thee to give us all true Faith and Repentance, with devout Humility and Reverence, rightly and duly to celebrate this thy holy Sacrament, in memory of thy moſt hallowed, true, and propitiatory Sacrifice, with a firm Faith to receive thy bleſſed Myſteries, and to give thanks unto thy Name.

O Lord I beſeech thee to hear me.

That it may pleaſe thee to accept this our bounden

den duty and ſervice, our Sacrifice of Praiſe and Thankſgiving, the Memorial that we now make of thine own death and Sacrifice, which was once offered for us, and to grant that by the Merits and Power thereof, we and all thy Servants may receive remiſſion of our ſins, and be filled with thy Grace and Heavenly Benediction.

O Lord, I beſeech thee to hear me.

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, thou that takeſt away the

Afore the Communion,

he Sins of the World,

Receive my Prayer.

When you are ready to re-
eive the Holy Sacrament
n each kind, do it with
he greateſt reverence
and devotion that you
may, (yet without all af-
fectation and ſingularity)
lifting up your hands and
your heart to God.

And after you have Recei-
ved, lift up your hands
again, and ſay devoutly
with your ſelf while o-
thers receive;

I.

BLeſſed art thou, O Lord; Bleſſing and Honour

Honour and Glory be unto thee, O thou Lamb of God, for evermore. *Amen.*

II.

This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes.

III.

I will magnifie thee, O Lord, and will praise thy Name for ever and ever.

IV.

All thy Works praise thee, O Lord, and thy Saints give thanks unto thee.

V.

Happy are those Servants

vants whom when their Lord cometh he ſhall find thus doing.

VI.

Salvation, and Bleſſing, and Honour, be unto him that ſitteth upon the Throne of Heaven, now and for ever. *Amen.*

A Thankſgiving after the Holy Communion.

BLeſſed art Thou, O Lord God, and bleſſed be thy holy Name for ever, who haſt now vouchſafed to feed me with the bread of Life. and haſt given me to drink

drink the Cup of Eternity, the holy and heavenly Mysteries of the Body and Blood of my Saviour, thereby assuring my Soul of thy Favour and Goodness towards me, for the sealing of my Faith, for the pardon of my Sins, for the obtaining of my Peace, and all other Benefits of Christ's blessed Passion.

I now most humbly beseech thee to assist me with thy Heavenly Grace, that I may continue thine for ever, and be made a Temple of thy

Holy

Holy Spirit; and that having now Christ dwelling in me by Faith, I may accomplish the rest of my Life in Repentance and godly Fear, in mortifying my own sinful Desires, and in keeping thy Holy Commandments. For which end guide me with thy Power, enlighten me with thy Word, and quicken me with thy Spirit. Elevate my Senses, compose my Manners, and order my Conversation aright; for thou art able to do abundantly

above all that I can ask or think: by which thy great and bountifull Goodneſs towards me, thou wilt glorifie thy Name in me, and bring me at laſt to thine Eternal Kingdom of Glory, through him who is the King of Glory my bleſſed Lord and Saviour *Jeſus Chriſt. Amen.*

Heb. 13. THe God of Peace who brought again from the Dead our Lord *Jeſus Chriſt*, the great Shepherd of his Flock, through the Blood of his Ever-

Everlasting Testament; make me perfect in every good work to do his Will, and that which is well-pleasing in his sight through the same *Jesus Christ* our Lord: To whom with the Father and the holy Ghost be Glory for ever. *Amen.*

PRAYERS

UPON

Sundry Occaſions.

PRAYERS
When you are upon a Journey.

I.

THE Almighty Lord be now and evermore my defence, to bleſs me and preſerve me from all evil in my going out, and my coming in, and give his Angels charge over me, to keep me in all my ways.

II.

IF God will be with me and keep me in this way that I go, ſo that I come to my home in Peace; then ſhall I give

Thanks and pay my Vows unto him.

III.

O God, who knowest us to be set in the midst of many dangers, grant that by thy mighty aid I may be defended from all things that may hurt me either in body or Soul, through *Christ* our Lord. *Amen.*

IV.

Dispose and Govern the way of thy Servant, O Lord, and further me with thy gracious and continual help, that in all my doings begun,

gun, continued, and ended in Thee, I may glorifie thy holy Name, and keep my ſelf by thy moſt mighty protection in the ways of thy Laws, and paths of thy Commandments, for the attainment of everlaſting Reſt and Peace in thy Heavenly Kingdom, through *Chriſt* our Lord. *Amen.*

V.

SHew me thy ways, O Lord, and teach me thy Paths; for I lift up my Soul unto thee. Lead me forth in thy truth, and learn me; for thou art the

God of my Salvation: in thee have been my hope all the day long. *Amen.*

PRAYERS
In the time of any ſudden danger or diſtreſs.

I.

ALmighty and Everlaſting God, mercifully look upon me, and in this time of danger and neceſſity ſtretch forth thine hand to ſuccour and defend me, through Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

II.

THe Almighty Lord, who is a ſtrong Tower

Tower of defence againſt all the Perils, Aſſaults, and Tribulations of this World, be now and evermore my Aid and Protector, through *Jeſus Chriſt* our bleſſed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

III.

FRom Lightning and Tempeſt, from all Evil and Miſchief, and from ſudden death,

Good Lord deliver me.

PRAYERS
In the time of Sickneſs and Affliction.

I.

SAve me, O King of Heaven, and hear me when I call upon Thee, for I am in affliction and heavineſs. Thou art a defence for the oppreſſed, and a refuge in the needfull time of trouble: look down from Heaven and viſit me with thy Salvation.

II.

I Know that it is thy hand, and that thou Lord haſt done it, and thy doings are always juſt:

juſt: but thou art alſo good and gracious, and of great mercy to them that call upon thee. Thou upholdeſt all them that are fallen, and lifteſt up thoſe that be down.

III:

I Know that of very faithfulneſs thou haſt cauſed me to be troubled that I might call upon thy Name

IV:

AND now, Lord, what is my hope? Truly my hope is even in Thee; For thou art the hope of all the ends of the

Earth

Earth, the aid of all that need, the help of all that fly to thee for Succour, O turn thee unto me, and shew me the Light of thy Countenance, that I may be made whole and give thanks unto thy name.

V.

O God, favourably with mercy hear my Prayers, and grant that all those things which I suffer for my sins, I may well pass and overcome, by thy most gracious and ready help, through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

VI.

VI.

O Do well unto thy Servant, that I may live and keep thy Commandments.

VII.

MErcifully, O Lord, look upon mine Infirmity, and for the Glory of thy Name turn from me all those Evils that I most righteously have deserved, and grant that in all my troubles I may put my whole trust and confidence in thy Mercy, and evermore serve thee in holiness and pureness of living, to thy honour

Honour, and Glory through our only Mediator and Advocate *Jesus Christ* our Lord. *Amen.*

Meditations in the time of Sickneſs, upon the great Mercies of God.

I.

WHen we are judged, we are chaſtned of the Lord, that we may not be condemned with the World.

II.

REfuſe not the correction of the Almighty: it is the Lord, let him do what ſeems good in his own eyes.

III.

AS it pleaſeth the Lord, ſo cometh every thing to paſs: Bleſſed be the Name of the Lord.

IV.

GOD is the Lord of Life and Death, of ſickneſs and of health, by whoſe appointment we were born, and by whoſe commandment again we muſt die; our time is in his hand, and to him belong the iſſues of Death.

V.

GOD is meek and gentle, ready to accept our ſorrow and repentance for ſin.

VI.

VI.

HE is exceeding ſlow to anger, and not eaſily provoked; he ſeeth our ſins, and makes as if he ſaw them not; he many times over-looketh them, and by his long-ſuffering paſſeth them by as loth to ſee them.

VII.

WHen he cannot but ſee, yet he forbears, and is patient: Forbears long, ſuffers long, many times, many years.

VIII.

WHen he can ſuffer, & ſtay no longer, but

but puniſh he muſt, he doth it againſt his Will; and when he is angry, he containeth himſelf in it, and ſuffereth not his whole diſpleaſure to ariſe.

IX.

HE is angry, but not according to our deſerts, nothing ſo much; He is angry, but not long, it endures but a little while, and in his wrath he thinketh upon mercy; he thinks every ſtripe two, and is quickly weary; he repents him of the evil, and is ſoon appeaſed.

X.

X.

HE will have none to periſh, but have all to be ſaved; he willeth not the death of a ſinner, but that he ſhould repent and live.

XI.

NOT of any ſinner; not of *Manaſſes*, not of *Rahab*, not of *Mary Magdalen*; not of Saint *Paul*, who was once a chief Sinner.

XII.

FOR Chriſt came into the World to ſave Sinners, and of them that come unto him he caſteth none out.

A Thanksgiving after Recovery from Sickness.

I;

O Lord, thou hast dealt graciously with thy Servant, according to thy great Goodness and Mercy. Before I was troubled, I went astray; but now I will take heed to my ways, that I swerve not from thy Precepts. It is good for me that I have been in trouble, that I may learn to obey thy Commandments.

II.

II.

RIghteous art thou, O Lord, and true are thy Judgments. Trouble and heavineſs have taken hold upon me, but my ſure truſt hath been in thy Mercy. O let my Soul live, and it ſhall praiſe Thee, and thy Judgments ſhall help me.

III.

I Will always give thanks unto the Lord, his Praiſe ſhall be ever in my mouth. O Lord my God, I cried unto Thee, and Thou haſt healed me: Thou haſt turned my hea-

heavineſs into joy, and girded me with gladneſs, therefore will I ſing of thy Praiſe without ceaſing, and give thanks unto Thee for ever.

IV.

I Sought the Lord, and he heard me, and delivered me out of all my trouble: for the Angel of the Lord tarrieth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them. The Eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his Ears are open unto their Prayers.

V.

V.

WHat reward shall I give unto the Lord for all the benefits that he hath done unto me? I will take the Cup of Salvation, and call upon the Name of the Lord: I will offer to Thee the Sacrifice of Thanksgiving, evermore praising Thee, and saying, O Holy Lord God Almighty, Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive Honour, and Glory, and Power: for Thou hast created all things, and for thy Will's sake they are and were created.

VI.

VI.

BLessing, and Honour, and Glory, and Thanksgiving, and Power, and Might, be unto the Lord our God for ever and ever.

AMEN.

THE END.

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Prayer I.

O Bleſſed Lord, who in thine infinite mercy didſt vouchſafe to plant a glorious Church among us, and now in thy juſt judgment haſt permitted our ſins and follies to root it up; be pleaſed at laſt to reſume thoughts of Peace towards us, that we may do the like to one another.

Lord, look down from Heaven, the Habitation of thy Holineſs, and behold the Ruines of a deſolate Church; and compaſſionate to ſee her in the duſt. Behold her, O Lord, not only broken but crumbled, divided into ſo many Sects and Fractions, that ſhe no longer repreſents the Ark of the God of *Iſrael*, where the Covenant and the Manna were conſerved, but the Ark of *Noah*, filled with all various ſorts of unclean Beaſts: and to complete our miſery,

ſery and guilt, the Spirit of Diviſion hath inſinuated it ſelf as well into our Affections as our Judgments; that Badge of Diſcipleſhip which thou recommendedſt to us, is caſt off, and all the contrary wrath and bitterneſs, anger and clamour, called in to maintain and widen our breaches. O Lord, how long ſhall we thus violate and defame that Goſpel of peace that we profeſs? How long ſhall we thus madly defeat our ſelves, loſe that Chriſtianity which we

pretend to ſtrive for? O thou which makeſt Men to be of one mind in an Houſe, be pleaſed ſo to unite us, that we may be perfectly joyn'd together in the ſame mind, and in the ſame judgment. And now that in Civil Affairs there ſeems ſome aptneſs to a compoſure, O let not our Spiritual Differences be more unreconcileable. Lord, let not the rougheſt winds blow out of the Sanctuary, let not thoſe which ſhould be Embaſſadours for Peace, ſtill ſound a Trumpet for War:

War: but do thou reveal thy self to all our *Eliahs* in that ſtill ſmall Voice, which may teach them to echo thee in the like meek treating with others. Lord, let no unſeaſonable ſtiffneſs of thoſe that are in the right, no perverſe obſtinancy of thoſe that are in the wrong, hinder the cloſing of our wounds; but let the one inſtruſt in meekneſs, and be thou pleaſed to give the other repentance to the acknowledgment of the truth. To this end do thou, O Lord, mollifie

all exasperate minds, take off all animosities and prejudices, contempt and heart-burnings, and by uniting their hearts prepare for the reconciling their opinions: And that nothing may intercept the clear sight of thy truth, Lord, let all private and secular Designs be totally deposited, that gain may no longer be the measure of our Godliness, but that the one great and common concernment of Truth and Peace may be unanimously and vigorously pur-

purſued. Lord, the hearts of all Men are in thy hands, O be thou pleaſed to let thy Spirit of Peace overſhadow the minds of all contending Parties; and if it be thy will, reſtore this Church to her priſtine ſtate, renew her days as of old; let her eſcape out of *Egypt* be ſo entire, that not an hoof may be left behind: but if thy wiſdom ſee it not yet a ſeaſon for ſo full a deliverance, Lord, defer not, we beſeech thee, ſuch a degree of it, as may at leaſt ſecure her a being;

if ſhe cannot recover her Beauty, yet, O Lord, grant her Health, ſuch a ſoundneſs of Conſtitution as may preſerve her from diſſolution. Let thy Providence find out ſome good *Samaritans* to cure her preſent Wounds: and to whomſoever thou ſhalt commit that important Work, Lord, give them skilfull hands and compaſſionate hearts; direct them to ſuch applications as may moſt ſpeedily, and yet moſt ſoundly heal the hurt of the Daughter of *Sion*; and make

make them ſo advert to the intereſts both of Truth and Peace, that no lawfull condeſcenſion may be omitted, nor any unlawful made. And do thou who art both the wonderful Counſellor and Prince of Peace, ſo guide and proſper all Pacifick endeavours, that all our diſtractions may be compoſed, and our *Jeruſalem* may again become a City at unity in it ſelf; that thoſe happy Primitive days may at length revert, wherein Vice was the only Here-

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Prayer II.

O Moſt gracious Lord, who doſt not afflict willingly, nor grieve the Children of Men, who ſmiteſt

ſmiteſt not till the importunity of our ſins enforce thee, and then correcteſt in meaſure; we thy unworthy Creatures humbly acknowledge that we have abundantly taſted of this patience and lenity of thine. To what an enormous height were our ſins arrived, e'er thou began'ſt to viſit them! and when thou couldſt no longer forbear, yet maſtering thy Power, thou haſt not proportion'd thy vengeance to our crimes, but to thy own gracious deſign of reducing and reclaim-

reclaiming us. Lord, had the firſt ſtroke of thy hand been exterminatings, our guilts had juſtified the method; but thou haſt proceeded by ſuch eaſie and gentle degrees, as witneſs how much thou deſired'ſt to be interrupted, and ſhew us, that all that ſad weight we have long groaned under, hath been accumulated only by our own incorrigibleneſs. 'Tis now, O Lord, theſe many years that this Nation hath been in the Furnace, and yet our droſs

droſs waſtes not, but increaſes; and it is owing only to thy unſpeakable Mercy, that we, who would not be purified, are not conſumed; that we remain a Nation, who ceaſe not to be a moſt ſinful and provoking Nation. O Lord, let not this long-ſuffering of thine ſerve only to upbraid our obſtinacy, and enhance our guilt; but let it at laſt have the proper effect on us, melt our hearts, and lead us to repentance. And, O that this may be the day for

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us, thus to discern the things that belong to our Peace! that all who are (yea, and all who are not) cast down this day in an external humiliation, may by the operation of thy mighty Spirit have their Souls laid prostrate before thee in a sincere contrition! O thou who canst out of the very stones raise up Children unto *Abraham*, work our stony flinty hearts into such a temper as may be malleable to the impressions of thy Grace, that all the sinners in *Sion* may tremble;

tremble; that we may not by a perſevering obſtinacy ſeal to our ſelves both temporal and eternal ruine, but inſtead of our mutinous complaining at the puniſhments of our ſins, ſearch and try our ways, and turn again to the Lord. O be thou pleaſed to grant us this one grand fundamental Mercy, that we who ſo impatiently thirſt after a change without us, may render that poſſible and ſafe by this better and more neceſſary change within us; that our ſins may

may not, as they have ſo often done, interpoſe and eclipſe that Light which now begins to break out upon us. Lord, thy Dove ſeems to approach us with an Olive Branch in her mouth: O let not our filth and noiſomneſs chaſe her away; but grant us that true repentance which may atone thee, and that Chriſtian Charity which may reconcile us with one another. Lord, let not our breach either with thee, or among our ſelves, be incurable, but by making

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up the first, prepare us for the healing of the latter. And because, O Lord, the way to make us one Fold is to have one Shepherd, be pleased to put us all under the conduct of him to whom that charge belongs; bow the hearts of this People as of one Man, that the only contention may be, who shall be most forward in bringing back our *David*. O let none reflect on their past Guilts, as an Argument to persevere, but repent, and to make their return so sincere as may

may qualifie them, not only for his but thy Mercy. And, Lord, be pleased so to guide the hearts of all who shall be intrusted with that great Concernment of setling this Nation, that they may weigh all their deliberations in the Balance of the Sanctuary, that Conscience, not Interest, may be the ruling principle, and that they may render to *Cæsar* the things that are *Cæsar's*, and to God the things that are God's; that they may become healers of

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our breaches, and happy Repairers of the ſad Ruines both in Church and State: And grant, O Lord, that as thoſe ſins which made them are become National, ſo the repentance may be National alſo, and that evidenc'd by the proper fruits of it, by zeal of reſtoring the rights both of thee and thine Anointed. And do thou, O Lord, ſo diſpoſe all hearts, and remove all obſtacles, that none may have the will, much leſs the power, to hinder his peaceable reſtitution

tution. And, Lord, let him bring with him an heart ſo intirely devoted to thee, that he may wiſh his own Honour only as a means to advance thine. O let the precepts and example of his bleſſed Father never depart from his Mind; and as thou wert pleas'd to perfect the one by ſuffering, ſo perfect the other by acting thy will; that He may be a bleſſed Inſtrument of replanting the power in ſtead of the form of Godlineſs among us, of reſtoring Chriſtian vertue

vertue in a profane and almoſt barbarous Nation. And if any wiſh him for any diſtant ends, if any deſire his ſhadow as a ſhelter for their riots and licentiouſneſs, O let him come a great, but happy defeat to all ſuch, not bring fuel, but cure to their inordinate appetites; and by his example as a Chriſtian, and his Authority as a King, ſo invite to good, and reſtrain from evil, that he may not only releaſe our temporal, but our ſpiritual Bondage, ſuppreſs thoſe foul

foul and ſcandalous Vices which have ſo long captivated us, and by ſecuring our inward, provide for the perpetuating our outward Peace. Lord, eſtabliſh thou his Throne in Righteouſneſs; make him a ſignal inſtrument of thy glory and our happineſs, and let him reap the fruits of it in comfort here, and in bliſs hereafter; ſo that this Earthly Crown may ſerve to enhance and enrich his Heavenly. Grant this, O King of Kings, for the ſake and interceſſion of our Bleſſed Mediator *Jeſus Chriſt*.

THE END.